

History Graduate Programme Newsletter

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Carolyn Fick

Congratulations and welcome back to Concordia PhD graduate Carolyn Fick, one of three Concordia winners of the new Canadian Research Fellowship! The award valued at \$39,000 for up to five years, will permit Carolyn to complete her historical survey of the Caribbean Island of St. Barthelemy while (we sincerely hope) enjoying affiliation with the Department of History.

The Great Loyola Space Shift:

The Department learned just before Christmas that the Centennial Building, which has housed Loyola Campus historians since 1967, will be sold in 1988, and the History contingent will move into new office space being created in the Vanier Library. Current plans have History sharing the present west side of the Vanier Building with Philosophy, Political Science and Sociology, with two departments to a floor. Although faculty offices will be smaller and many will not have windows, there are plans for at least one seminar room and a student lounge. The current open area in and around David will be converted to a reading room for the use of faculty and graduate students of the four departments concerned. David himself will be removed and any interested party could probably get a good buy on him by phoning the chief librarian. The Great Move is projected for August, 1988.

Job Application Workshop:

Following the highly successful workshop on leading discussion groups held on 26 January, there will be a workshop for graduate students on how and where to apply for teaching jobs: February 16th., Loyola Campus History Seminar Room, 4 PM. Special attention will be devoted to compiling the C.V. and looking for job openings. The workshop will be run by graduate students Peter Deslauriers (Soc. Science Department Chairman at Dawson, Lafontaine) and Joe Hackett (History Teacher at Loyola High School and formerly of the PSBGM) as well as Robert Tittler.

Faculty Colloquium Series:

February 14, 4 P.M. Frank Chalk, 'The Holocaust in the History of Genocide'

March 11, 4 P.M. Cameron Nish, "Pierre Laval".

March 26, 4 P.M. Ron Rudin, 'The Caisses Populaires of Quebec, 1900-1945'.

All sessions will be held in the History Seminar Room, Norris Bldg.

Welcome Sandra Hurst

We welcome Sandra Hurst as our new, full time and permanent secretary on the Loyola Campus. Sandra comes to us with wide experience from outside the University, and has served as a temporary replacement for Kathy Payson from September until her full-time appointment in January. Sandra can be reached at local 2430.

Faculty Footnotes:

Concordia's Centre d'etude du Quebec, partly coordinated by Cameron Nish, has just received an SSHRC grant of \$34,000 to continue with the publication of the Debates of the Legislative Assembly of United Canada, 1841-1867. Ross Dunn spoke on 'Migrations of Literate Muslims in the Middle Period; the Case of Ibn Battuta' at the meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Ass'n in Boston, early in November, and was invited to deliver the keynote address for a meeting of the Philadelphia Alliance for Teaching Humanities in the Schools on January 24th. Fred Krantz has contributed an essay entitled 'Between Bruni and Machiavelli: History, Law and Historicism in Poggio Bracciolini' in P. Mack and M.C. Jacob, eds., Politics and Culture in Early Modern Europe, Essays in Honour of H.G. Koenigsberger (Cambridge U.P., 1987). Mary Vipond's essay 'Best Sellers in English Canada, 1919-1928' has appeared in the 1986 edition of Canadian Journal of Fiction, along with a review by Graeme Decarie of a novel by former Concordia History Professor Robert E. Wall. In addition to his continuing activities in journalism and broadcasting, Decarie was recently quoted by The Globe and Mail as an authority on the Quebec language issue. Robert Tittler has been named to the Editorial Board of the Toronto-based Records of Early English Drama publication project.

Student Affairs:

Congratulations to Diane Shea, whose Christmas present this year came in the form of a belated F.C.A.R. Doctoral Fellowship for the current academic year. Diane, well known for her nerves of steel, had been on the Waiting list for the award since last May. Janis Housez has joined the executive of the Graduate History Students' Association as Master of Ceremonies. Paule Maufette has been teaching at CEGEP Ahuntsic. Dolores Chew is a founding editor and member of the editorial board of Montreal Serai, 'an independent monthly journal aimed primarily at Canadians from South Asia' which began publication in November.

Clarification of 'In Progress Grades' Policy:

Decisions taken by the Board of Graduate Studies last year mean that I.P. grades may only be carried for three months (i.e. until 1 August) in courses which began in the current academic year. The previous limit was twelve months. The three month limit does not apply to MA original essays, or to theses at the MA or doctoral levels, where the permissible I.P. limits may be co-terminus with the duration of the student's degree programme, subject to agreement of the instructor and graduate director. Consult the Graduate Calendar for details.